(छ) इस बारे में कोई देरी नहीं हुई है, क्योंकि वित्तीय वर्ष 1994-95 हाल में 31 मार्च, 1995 को समाप्त हुआ है।

SCCL Strike

5814. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the 'Financial Express' dated 28th April, 1995 captioned "Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) strike becomes critical with closure of 60 mines";

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken so far by Government to solve the crisis as SCCL which is the main coal source for NTPC Super Thermal Stations at Ramagundam and other power plants in the State; and

(d) whether the Joint Bipartite Committee for coal industry at its meeting in Calcutta recently was apprised of the developments at the Collieries; if so, what action has been taken to avert the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Singareni All Accociations Joint Action Committee had spearheaded the strike in Singareni Collieries Company Limited from 14.4.1995 to 3.5.1995. Their main demand was early settlement of National Coal Wage Agreement-V. The strike which affected 62 out of the 71 mines of SCCL, had an adverse impact on coal production and despatch from the company. Coal supplies to power plants in Andhra Pradesh were made up from alternative sources of Coal India Limited to maintain power generation.

(d) Members of Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry-V were alive to the developments. They signed a memorandum of understanding on the terms of the Wage Agreement on 29.4.1995. The strike was subsequently called off on 3.5.1995.

Purchase of power supported Longwal faces by subsidiaries of CIL

5815. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of power supported Longwal faces purchased by different subsidiaries of Coal India Limited;

(b) what is the total number of power supported Longwal faces working in different subsidiaries;

(c) what are the reasons of failure of these power supported Longwal faces other than so called geo-mining condition; and

(d) who has been made accountable for these failures causing huge loss of production and loss of money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) 17 numbers of Powered Support Longwal Faces have been purchased till-date by the different subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd.

(b) 10 numbers of Powered Support Longwal Faces are currently working in different subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd.

(c) 3 numbers of Powered Support Longwal Faces have completed their rated life. 3 Powered Support Longwal Faces had to be withdrawn from use due to adverse Geo-Mining conditions. Churcha PSLW face collapsed within two months of its commissioning due to roof collapse and is due to be revamped.

(d) Non-operation of 4 out of 7 PSLW sets cannot be attributed to failure of individuals.